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The Case of a Congressman.

Congressman Boyle, of the Green-  
Fayette-Westmoreland district of Pen-  
sylvania, has made a good Representative.  
But now there is a terrible  
slaughter on him because he has not been  
able to give every good Democrat a good  
Democratic office, because he has had two  
terms in Congress, and because it is now  
the turn of some other country than his to  
supply the Congressional timber.

With regard to the distribution of the  
patronage we are not well informed. Mr.  
Boyle may have interested himself in be-  
half of the most deserving or the least de-  
serving. It may be taken for granted  
that he got all he could for his district,  
and that no human being could have  
brought into the district enough to go  
round, for, in the language of Mr. George  
William Currier, the patriots were "very  
hungry and, as you may well believe, very  
thirsty." It was not in mortal man to  
give complete satisfaction on this score.

The other objections urged against Mr.  
Boyle's re-nomination are worthy of more  
comment because they are based on a  
rule which obtains in many localities to  
their great detriment. If a man has served  
two terms in Congress that is rather a  
presumption in favor of holding him there  
for a third term and a fourth. The art of  
being a Congressman is not learned in a  
day.

Therefore it happens often that men of  
force at home cut no figure at all in a  
single term in the House of Representa-  
tives. Their abilities may be great, but  
by reason of inexperience they are not  
brought into play. Men of mediocre  
talents and long service go to the front,  
hold chairmanships of important commit-  
tees, are mentioned in connection with  
every considerable public question, bear  
themselves creditable in discussion and  
put their stamp on legislation.

A numerous constituency makes end-  
less and exacting demands on a member  
of Congress. He is expected to accom-  
plish results through the committee and  
the various circumlocution offices of the  
executive departments. To succeed in this  
the member must know how to go about  
it, have a personal acquaintance and make  
use of it, and be strong enough in his own  
place to return a favor in kind. For these  
reasons, the men who have strength in  
Congress and reflect lustre on their dis-  
tricts are the men of long service—the ex-  
perts in the business.

If the highest aim in the selection of a  
Congressman be to secure the most ser-  
viceable man, it is the perfection of  
absurdity to object to a man because he  
has already had two or four more terms  
of that particular service. He may be an  
unfit man who never ought to have had  
one term; in which case the sooner he is  
laid aside the better, and to such a man  
these comments do not, of course, apply.  
The rule of rotation by counties, which  
involves also the two-term rule, is as ab-  
surd as the two-term personal objection.  
The aim ought to be to get the best man  
in the district, regardless of the county in  
which he lives. To draw county lines on  
a public service so far-reaching, is to be-  
little the office of member of the House  
of Representatives of the United States.  
The man is the important consideration,  
not the county, not the weak fact that one  
person may have too much of a thing  
which ought to be more generally dis-  
tributed, not the pressing "claims" of some-  
body who wants to slip in under cover of  
a nonsensical rule of rotation.

Nobody hurt.  
The President is catching a little of the  
business end of criticism because he sent  
his private secretary and a revenue cutter  
to take his bride-elf off the steamer as  
she neared New York. It is not probable  
that the private secretary was greatly  
demoralized or the revenue cutter much  
hurt by this polite attention. The obvious  
point of criticism is that all this was  
done at government expense.

During the twenty-four years of Repub-  
lican rule this sort of criticism was very  
much in fashion. If the President or the  
Secretary of the Navy went down the  
Potomac in a government steamer, taking  
along a friend or two to make the voyage  
pleasant, a howl of indignation went up  
from the Democratic press, and someone  
from that side was very likely to take a  
whack in Congress. There were steady-  
going people who did not then and will  
not now object to so harmless a use of  
government property.

If our public servants sin no more  
gravely than in this respect, we shall  
have a model administration of our pub-  
lic affairs. We gain nothing by a make-  
believe refinement of delicacy in such  
matters which would not be observed by  
one man in a hundred thousand if he  
were placed in power. Men at the head  
of affairs know that the public head is  
tortured level, and they are not greatly  
moved by the protestations of the Pharisees.

## BREAKFAST BUDGET.

A Methodist missionary has been ap-  
pointed chief physician of the Chinese  
army.

A Streator, Ill., firm has sold 600 pounds  
of putty since the recent storms in that  
vicinity.

A dweller on the bank of the Colorado  
has short lines with baited hookbills to  
the legs of geese and drives them into the  
net. The fish bite and jerk the lines,  
and then the frightened geese hurry to  
shore, dragging the fish after them. So  
says the York Age.

California carries on a large business in  
sea shells, which are gathered on its shores  
and shipped to Europe and other foreign  
countries to supply the demand for shells  
for jewelry. They are worth from \$700 to  
\$1,000 a ton. They are used in all kinds of  
decorative industries.

The Sunes giant died recently at Ap-  
pleton, Eng. Although only 30 years of  
age, he weighed 846 pounds. He was on  
an exhibition tour, and in one of the in-  
tervals between the performance he fell

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